

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

Applicant: Robert J. Levy et al.  
Title: STABILIZATION OF IMPLANTABLE BIOPROSTHETIC DEVICES  
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Art Unit: Unassigned

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments be entered into the application:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the Specification by inserting on Page 1, line 6 the following sentence:

- -This application is a divisional of Application Serial No. 09/558,709, filed April 26, 2000, which is entitled to priority pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §119(e) to U.S. provisional patent application 60/131,257, which was filed on April 27, 1999.- -

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please cancel claims 15-25 in their entirety without prejudice or disclaimer.**

**REMARKS**

Entry of the foregoing amendments prior to examination is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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